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Applicant: Nigel J. Renton, et al.
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TRADES BETWEEN MARKET MAKERS
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AMENDMENT IN REPLY TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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Applicant replies to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment of June 17, 2009.

As discussed below, the Office paper was issued in contravention of Office regulations and several statutes, and is therefore void. 44 U.S.C. § 3512 specifically provides that the PTO may not charge any fee for reply to that paper, and thus no extension of time fee is required.

Nonetheless, if and only if the Technology Center Director signs off that the September 2008 paper was validly issued in spite of the defects noted, Applicant petitions for a three-month extension of time to reply to the Office paper of June 17, 2009, to and including October 19, 2009 (October 17 was a Saturday). Only if and when the T.C. Director so signs off, kindly charge the petition fee to Deposit Account No. 50-3938, Order No. 03-6171.

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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS begin on page 3 of this paper.

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